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Attention

Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaineder.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

Notice to readers

To reduce risks to our employees and community, the Wabash Plain Dealer is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be dropped in the mail slot or called in. For news, call 260-225-4662 or email news@wabashplaineder.com. For advertising, call 260-225-4947 or email tcampbell@pmginmi.com. For circulation and customer support, call 260-563-2131. To bring you the most accurate information about the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Wabash Plain Dealer has decided to prioritize news content over sports stories since sporting events are canceled for the time being. The Wabash Plain Dealer is committed to providing the best product to its customers and appreciates the support during this time. Thank you.

Grow Wabash County's virtual conversation with Walorski postponed

Grow Wabash County's virtual "Conversation with Congresswoman Jackie Walorski" originally scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday has been postponed until 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Details about how to access the virtual session were sent Monday to those who pre-registered.

Wabash to host Virtual First Friday event on May 1

Wabash Marketplace will be hosting a Virtual First Friday on May 1 on Facebook from 4 to 8 p.m. Businesses will not be open to the public except for carry-out. The community is encouraged to visit the Facebook Event

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Second Harvest announces extra Tailgate Food Distribution

Special event to take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Second Harvest Food Bank announced several regularly-scheduled and extra Tailgate Food Distribution events, according to Tracy Dishman, marketing director.

One such extra event is set to take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Wabash County Coun-

cil on Aging, 239 Bond St.

National Guard assisting

In a statement to the Plain Dealer earlier this month, Beverly Ferry, CEO of Living Well in Wabash County, stated members of the Indiana National Guard's Muncie Armory were in attendance at the most recent Wabash date, along with Wabash City Park employees. Ferry stated the guardspeople were there to assist Second Harvest with several such events in the area.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Monday, April 20, Tim Kean, president and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana, stated 30 members of the National Guard have been on-site at their facility since April 7.

"They will be deployed here for at least 45 days. It is possible that the deployment may be extended. They have been a huge help to us in getting food ready to distribute and actually on-site at our Tailgate Distributions to pass out food in all our eight-county service area,"

stated Kean.

Additional dates

Dishman also announced the following dates:

■ 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, April 30 at Goodrich Park, 701 N. Union St., Winchester.

■ 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 1 at First Baptist Church, 709 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle.

■ 10 a.m. to noon Friday, May 1 at Five Points Mall, 1129 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

■ 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2 at Progress Rail

Parking Lot, 3500 S. Cowan Road, Muncie.

"No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome," stated Dishman. "Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts."

For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

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High school and college students considering pharmacy as a career are invited to attend MU Virtual Pharmacy Week, July 14-17.

Manchester University offers free, online pharmacy camp

High school, college students considering pharmacy as a career invited to attend

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University has moved its summer pharmacy camp online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

High school and college students considering pharmacy as a career are invited to attend MU Virtual Pharmacy Week, July 14 to 17.

It is free, and any student with an

interest in the health sciences is welcome.

Manchester pharmacy professionals will share how pharmacists fit into the broader field of health care and offer advice about preparing for a pre-pharmacy program in college.

There will be live Q&A sessions and interactive events to learn from pharmacists in a variety of settings, hands-on science activity demonstrations, virtual tours of places where pharmacists work and information on the Manchester admissions process. Prerecorded sessions on topics related to pharmacy will also be available. Those who successfully complete

the camp will get a T-shirt. High school students who will be juniors or seniors in the fall will be eligible for a Manchester University undergraduate Visit Scholarship, which awards \$500 annually.

The deadline to sign up is July 12. More information is available at www.manchester.edu/virtualpharmacyweek.

For questions regarding MU Virtual Pharmacy Week, email pharmacy@manchester.edu.

The camp is sponsored in part by Parkview Health.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

COVID-19 cases nearly double over weekend

Indiana State Department of Health now reports 149 tests, still one local death as of Monday

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported an additional 10 positive cases of COVID-19 in Wabash County over the weekend, after local results remained stagnant at 12 positive cases between Wednesday and Friday, bringing the local total now to 22.

The ISDH still reported one local death from the novel virus. The local number of tests now rests at 149, as of Monday.

Requests for additional information from Keith A. Walters, Wabash County Emergency Management Agency director, and the Indiana Joint Information Center have been sent to the respective parties. This story will be updated as more information becomes

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Non-filing SSI recipients with dependents need to take action

Social Security Commissioner: Act now to receive \$500 per child payment

STAFF REPORT

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who don't file tax returns will start receiving their automatic Economic Impact Payments directly from the Treasury Department in early May, according to Andrew Saul, Social Security commissioner.

People receiving SSI benefits who did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes, and have qualifying children under age 17, however, should not wait for their automatic \$1,200 individual payment.

They should immediately go to the IRS's webpage at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here and

visit the Non-Filers: Enter Your Information section to provide their information. SSI recipients who have dependent children and did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes need to act by Tuesday, May 5, to receive additional payments for their eligible children quickly.

By taking this proactive step to enter information on the IRS website about them and their qualifying children, they will also receive the \$500 per dependent child payment in addition to their \$1,200 individual payment. If people in this group do not provide their information to the IRS soon, their payment at this time will be \$1,200 only. They would then be required to file a tax year 2020 tax return to obtain the additional \$500 per eligible child.

"I urge SSI recipients with qualifying children and who do not normally file

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Holcomb signs executive order permitting elective medical procedures

Providers include hospitals, dentist, veterinarians, others

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb on Friday signed Executive Order 20-24 to allow health care providers and facilities to resume elective medical procedures provided they have sufficient quantities of personal protective equip-

ment (PPE) and consult the best practices and recommendations developed by their medical associations or industries, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

Providers include hospitals, veterinarians, dentists and others.

More information may be found at the ISDH website at coronavirus.in.gov and the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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Page titled, "Online Event, First Friday in Wabash 5/1/20"
The event will also be linked from the Facebook Page "First Friday-Wabash, Indiana." For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Manchester University accepting campus food pantry donations

The pantry serves 20 to 25 students a week. Donations may be made at <https://www.manchester.edu/alumni/campus-pantry-donation-form>.






Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

- **Access Youth Center:** All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.
- **BMV:** Closed until further notice. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.
- **Community Foundation of Wabash County:** Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.
- **Division of Family Resources:** Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits.in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.
- **Farm Service Agency:** County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.
- **Honeywell Foundation:** All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell

- Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended until further notice.
- **Living Well in Wabash County:** The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.
 - **Manchester Community Schools:** Closed through the rest of the school year.
 - **Manchester University:** Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed.
 - **MSD:** Closed through the rest of the school year.
 - **The North Manchester Center for History:** Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/ and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us, call 260-982-4773 or visit www.nman.lib.in.us.
 - **St. Bernard School:** Closed through the rest of the school year.
 - **Wabash Carnegie Public Library:** Closed until further notice. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots





- waived until further notice. For more information, email warew@wabash.lib.in.us or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.facebook.com/Wabash-CarnegieLibrary.
- **Wabash City Hall:** Closed through at least 8 a.m. Monday, May 4. All public meetings postponed. Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash.com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.
 - **Wabash City Schools:** Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - **Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions):** Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.
 - **Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department:** Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit www.wabashcounty.in.gov or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.
 - **Wabash County Judicial Center:** Closed to the public. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Tuesday Scattered T-storms 71 / 53	 Wednesday Showers Likely 58 / 44	 Thursday Few Showers 52 / 40	 Friday Partly Cloudy 61 / 51	 Saturday Mostly Cloudy 74 / 57
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:42 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:48 a.m.

 First 4/30	 Full 5/7	 Last 5/14	 New 5/22
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 55% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 71°, humidity of 58%. South southwest wind 7 to 13 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 53°. South wind 10 to 14 mph.

Coronavirus vaccine could be fast-tracked

DEAR DOCTOR: I just read that a coronavirus vaccine won't be ready until at least next year. How do vaccines work? And why do they take so long to make?
DEAR READER: When measured against the catastrophe of the current pandemic, the estimate of 12 to 18 months to develop and launch a coronavirus vaccine seems like an eternity. But, believe it or not, the proposed timetable is actually extremely fast.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



A vaccine is basically a lesson plan that teaches the body how to recognize and eliminate a specific pathogen. It works by introducing the immune system to molecules known as antigens, which are the distinctive sugars and proteins that dot the outer surface of a bacterium or virus. The immune system reacts by sending antibodies to disable or destroy the pathogen. But matching the correct antibody to a brand-new pathogen takes time. So does producing enough antibodies to deal with all of the invaders.

A vaccine gives the body a head start. It presents the immune system with either a harmless form of a virus or bacterium, or with bits of antigens. Each will prompt the immune system to produce the antibodies it needs to attack that particular pathogen. The next time that unique antigen signature is detected, the immune system is ready and able to attack before the pathogen has time to make you sick.

Vaccines can take up to 10 years to develop. That's due to the multiple phases of rigorous testing it takes to make sure a vaccine is not only effective, but also safe. It begins with work in animal models to understand how both the virus and the vaccine behave in the body. The next step is a Phase I trial, in which the vaccine's efficacy is tested in a small group of healthy volunteers. This typically takes a year or two, but that may be scaled back to three months for a COVID-19 vaccine.

A larger Phase II trial, which further evaluates the vaccine and involves the use of placebos, usually takes two to three years. For the current vaccine, this

may be shortened to eight months.

In Phase III, which also includes placebos, the vaccine is tested on thousands, or tens of thousands, of volunteers. Again, the typical timeline of two to four years is expected to be significantly shortened.

The next step is regulatory review of the clinical process, followed by production and distribution, each of which also take time. Post-approval studies are used to monitor how effective the vaccine is in real-world conditions.

Thanks to previous research into other types of coronaviruses, including those that caused the SARS and MERS outbreaks, scientists have a bit of a head start. They also are using a new

and faster technique to develop the vaccine, based on genetic information known as messenger RNA. This has all led to the mid-March launch of a Phase I trial with 45 volunteers at the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute in Seattle. It's a significant first step in what will be a challenging and closely watched process.

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Community Marketing Grant

We are deeply committed to the community

The Wabash Plain Dealer has established a \$150,000 fund to help local business get back to full strength by subsidizing their marketing through matching grants. Area businesses can now apply for a grant to help them recover from the effects of the coronavirus crisis.

How Will It Work for My Business?

The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers. Grant money can be used for local Wabash Plain Dealer print newspaper and special product advertising between April 28 and June 30, 2020. Grants are available for a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$5,000 of matching funds each month. Eg: spend \$200 in advertising, we match with a grant of \$200 additional advertising dollars to equal \$400.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar for dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at: https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising_match/, click on the "How Do I?" tab and Apply for a "Matching Advertising Grant". The Wabash Plain Dealer will respond within 48 hours. A community newspaper is only ever as strong as the community it serves. We know businesses and workers are hurting, we're hurting too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this.



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SUNDAY'S LOTTERIES


Cash 5
02-04-16-30-31
Estimated jackpot: \$125,000
Cash4Life
04-24-26-27-32, Cash Ball: 4
Daily Three-Midday
3-5-8, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
0-0-2, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
0-6-6-2, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
4-1-5-6, SB: 9
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$186 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$43 million

MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	.67
Copper.....	2.32
Lead.....	.73
Zinc.....	.85
Gold.....	1,709.54
Silver.....	15.10
Platinum.....	757.17

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Monday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$2.96. Soybeans: \$8.28.



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Nancy Ann Gaunt

Dec. 25, 1939 - April 26, 2020

Nancy Ann Gaunt, 80, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 11:11 p.m., Sunday, April 26, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born Dec. 25, 1939 in Marion, Indiana to Marion and Alice (Lash) Rupley.

Nancy was a graduate of Marion High School. She married Jack Allen Gaunt on Oct. 27, 1973 at Epworth Forest in North Webster, Indiana. Nancy was a secretary for Honeywell Inc. and also worked in the admitting department for Wabash County Hospital. She was a member of the Wabash Christian Church and Beaver Dam/Loon Lake Conservation Club. Nancy and Jack spent 45 winters in Okeechobee, Florida and had a lake cottage on Beaver Dam Lake, where she looked forward to and enjoyed family “get togethers”. She was a special friend to many. Nancy was an avid collector of Pre-



cious Moments and Beanie Babies.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Gaunt of Wabash, three daughters, Deborah K. (Richard) McCormick of West Lafayette, Indiana, Mary Jayne (Jeff) Steele of Wabash, and Tracy L. Gaunt of North Webster, eight grandchildren, Leah (Paul) Sinka of Hernando, Mississippi, T.J. McCormick of West Lafayette, Kayla Steele of Lebanon, Indiana, Erica (Zack) Bogner of Brownsburg, Indiana, Jessica

(Justin) Cileo of Folsom, California, Angela (Curtis) Grady of Syracuse, Indiana, Amanda (Curtis) Shoemaker of Piercet- on, Indiana, and Whitney (Ryan See) Walker of Warsaw, Indiana, nine great-grand- children, her Cuz’ Buddy Joe (Beverly) Martz, several nieces and nephews, and her favorite “child”, her dog Sadie Jayne. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Richard Rupley, and her twin sister, Mary Jo Zoda.

Private graveside services will be held at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, 1100 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Arrangements by Grand- staff-Hentgen Funeral Ser- vice, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Beaver Dam Conservation Club, 9166 S. Verna St., Claypool, IN 46510.

The memorial guest book for Nancy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

A ‘new normal’, as Georgia restaurants allowed to reopen

By KATE BRUMBACK and RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — With tables wide apart and staff wearing masks, some Georgia restaurants reopened for limited dine-in service Monday as the state loosened more coronavirus restrictions, but many eateries remained closed amid concerns that serving in-house meals could put employees and customers at risk.

The dine-in service and movie screenings were allowed to resume a few days after some other businesses, including barbershops, gyms, tattoo shops and nail salons, began seeing customers. While many of those establishments gratefully opened their doors Friday after a month-long closure, others did not feel ready. A similar mixed response played out Monday.

“We’re ecstatic to have them back,” said Chris Heithaus, who manages 87 Waffle House restaurants in coastal areas of Georgia and the Carolinas. “A lot of people, I think, want to get back to the new normal, which will be social distancing and all that. But they will be able to eat inside the restaurant.”

The “new normal” at the popular chain known for hash brown breakfasts and its ability to stay open even in the face of

natural disasters, included employees wearing masks, booths closed to keep customers apart and traditional plastic place mat menus replaced by disposable paper menus.

Waffle House spokeswoman Njeri Boss said 330 of the chain’s 400 Georgia restaurants stayed open for takeout orders during the lockdown, and most of them were expected to start serving dine-in customers Monday.

Gov. Brian Kemp announced last week that he would relax restrictions despite health experts’ warnings of a potential surge in infections and disapproval from President Donald Trump.

Kemp issued 39 requirements that restaurants must follow if they reopen, including observing a limit of 10 customers per 500 square feet and ensuring that all employees wear face coverings all the time. Movie theater ushers were ordered to enforce social distancing.

At Plucked Up Chicken & Biscuits in Columbus, eight regulars showed up Monday morning to have coffee and breakfast and “chatted at each other across the room,” manager Alesha Webster said.

The restaurant followed the governor’s restrictions, including constantly disinfecting and sanitizing, and placing tables 6 feet apart.

IdaCorine ‘Connie’ Thrush

IdaCorine “Connie” Thrush, 98, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 12:50 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. She was born Nov. 13, 1921 in Jonesboro, Indiana to Coartland and Mable (Calender) Connelly.

Connie graduated from Chip-pewa High School in 1939. In 1941, she married Warren Wilbur “Webb” Thrush. Webb and Connie were in their 79th year of marriage, and were the last two surviving members of their 1939 graduating class. Prior to her marriage, Connie worked at the Wabash Plain Dealer. Thereafter, she concentrated on raising her children and assisting with the family farm. In later years, Connie enjoyed working at Emmalou’s Dress Shop in Wabash. Connie was a longtime member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in



Wabash. When she and Webb retired from farming, thirty winters in Fort Myers allowed her to avoid some of Indiana’s less pleasing weather.

She is survived by her husband, Warren Wilbur “Webb” Thrush, and two children, Carol (Jim) Keffaber and Larry C. Thrush, all of Wabash, three grandchildren, Tony (Connie) Keffaber of Frank-

lin, Tennessee, Todd (Barb) Keffaber of Freeport, Florida, and Shelly (Mark) Witmer of Roanoke, Indiana, nine great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, and her brother, Eugene Connelly.

Because of restrictions occasioned by the current coronavirus pandemic, private services will be held at Grand- staff-Hentgen Funeral Ser- vice, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Solomon David officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Bachelor Creek Church of Christ.

The memorial guest book for Connie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

VIRUS

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available.

A push for proactive testing

The Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester started proactively testing all of its 350 employees on April 22, executive director Rod Craft stated in a release.

Craft said the company, like other senior living communities across the nation, have been preparing for the pandemic for several months in accordance with local, regional and national guidelines, but he said the facility is taking extra measures “out of an abundance of caution” to contain the “highly contagious” virus.

“While none of our employees have exhibited symptoms, proactively testing all employees allows us to see if there is someone who might be positive but asymptomatic,” Craft stated. “We believe early identification of the virus will help us to best protect our entire community.”

As of April 27, the company states that 22 employees tested positive after “a majority” of the results have been received.

“Those employees are self-isolating at home, and we wish them a full and rapid recovery,” he said. “Once we have all of the employee test results available, we will share the number positive cases with our residents, families, employees and county health officials.”

Starting this week, the company is voluntarily testing all residents. Craft said this measure will help the company identify and positive resident cases before they start exhibiting symptoms, which will help the facility implement any additional precautions to stop the virus’ spread.

“As we move forward with proactive testing, we anticipate we will have more positive cases,” Craft said. “However, this information will help us as we make decisions to protect the health and safety of our community moving forward. With this proactive testing strategy, our goal is to remain ahead of the curve in our attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the Peabody Retirement Community and the broader community.”

Presumptive positive deaths now counted

In a televised press conference Monday, April 20, Dr. Kristina Box, state health commissioner, said changes were coming to the death totals later in the week because they were including presumptive positive cases. In response to a Plain Dealer question Wednesday, Box said she would have more information on that on Friday. During another televised press conference Friday, Box said

they were adding 79 presumptive deaths to the state’s dashboard.

“Indiana defines probable COVID-19 counts when a physician listed COVID-19 as a contributing cause of death for patients but no COVID-19 positive test was documented on that individual. The clinical diagnosis of COVID-19 can be made using the patient’s X-ray, CT scan of their chest and the full clinical picture. Probable counts are not included in the total confirmed counts. These counts are subject to change as additional lab data or information is reported to ISDH,” stated a note added to the dashboard by the ISDH.

Box said these figures also ruled out other viral infections, including influenza.

“This gives us a better sense of COVID-19 and positions us to also capture more of these clinical diagnoses going forward. We continue to urge physicians to test symptomatic patients if they have the resources to do so, but also recognize that people who may not be tested are also likely to have COVID-19,” she said.

By Sunday, the number of presumptive positive deaths was up to 88.

“Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days,” stated the ISDH.

Statewide totals

On Monday, the ISDH announced that 963 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus to 15,961 following corrections to the previous day’s total.

A total of 844 Hoosiers have been confirmed to have died of COVID-19, according to ISDH data Monday.

To date, 84,476 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 79,774 on Saturday.

Cass County had the most new cases, at 439. Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (49), Bartholomew (26), Clark (50), Fulton (10), Hamilton (16), Howard (35), Lake (53), Marion (133), Miami (28), St. Joseph (11) and Tippecanoe (15). The Lake County totals include results from East Chicago and Gary, which have their own health departments.

The complete list of counties with cases is included in the ISDH COVID-19 dashboard at www.coronavirus.in.gov. Cases are listed by county of residence. Private lab reporting may be delayed and will be reflected in the map and count when results are received at ISDH. The dashboard will be updated at noon each day.

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Jack Wayne Branson

July 21, 1950 - April 23, 2020

Jack Wayne Branson, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:06 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born July 21, 1950 in Harlan, Kentucky to Charles and Mary (Farmer) Branson.

Jack married Anna Napier in Wabash on Aug. 30, 1976. He retired from General Tire and attended the Potters House Ministry, both in Wabash. He was an avid Kentucky Wildcat fan. Jack enjoyed being around people,



being outdoors, watching his family play sports, wrestling with his grandson Matthew, and making people laugh. He loved his family and his Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Branson of Wabash, three daughters, Elizabeth “Liz” Branson of High Point, North Carolina, Janet Branson and Paige Branson, both of Wabash, two grandchildren, Taylor Johnson and Matthew Johnson, Jr., both of Wabash, and his brother, Jim (Sue) Branson of Wabash. He

was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, Margaret Sue Branson and Billie Napier, and his brother, Melvin Donald Branson.

Private family services will be at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Bernice Pickering and the Rev. Ralph Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

The memorial guest book for Jack may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Rosco Howard

Rosco Howard, 87, Piercet- on, Indiana, passed away April 24, 2020 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, Indiana.

The memory of Rosco will be forever remembered by his sons, Wayne (Ramona) Howard, Piercet- on, Ralph Howard,

Piercet- on; two daughters, Pauline (James) Hoover, Piercet- on, Lena (Roger) West, Piercet- on; one brother Monroe (Mimia) Howard, Printer, Kentucky; eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and three great great-grandchildren.

Friends and family may call Monday, April 27, 2020 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Free United Baptist Church, 1 mile north of Sidney on State Road 13, Sidney, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

Clarence West

Private family funeral services for Clarence Edward West, 82, of rural Denver, Indiana, were 2 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2020, at Grand- staff-Hentgen Roann Chap- el. Jason See officiated and

Luv- ernia Wilson was the musician. Memories were shared by friends and family. Pallbearers were Kyle West, Jordan West, Trevor West, Bill Clemons, Van Hais- ley, Joe Flitcraft, Jon Bur-

hardt, and Randall Swartz. Honorary pallbearers were Conner West, Jaylen West, Chayson Roberts, and Jack- son Winans Burial was in the Roann Community Ceme- tery.

Dwayne Sanders

Dwayne Sanders died Friday, at Parkview Wabash Hospital. His wife, Joyce (Miller) and

daughters, Dlayne Southworth and Amy O’Donnell survive. Private graveside services and

burial will be in Friends Ceme- tery, Wabash. Grandstaff-Hent- gen is handling arrangements.

MONEY

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taxes to take action now. Immediately go to IRS.gov so that you will receive the full amount of the Economic Impact Payments you and your family are

eligible for,” stated Saul. “Lastly, a word of caution. Be aware of scams related to the Economic Impact Payments. There is no fee required to receive these payments. Don’t be fooled.”

Visit the agency’s COVID-19 web page at www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/ for important information and updates.”

Opinion

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He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

- Revelation 22:20

Full-court press vs. COVID-19 proving worth the hardships

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Thursday extended the stay-home order for Illinois residents and businesses to May 30, a full month beyond his previous April 30 order. There's not a lot of good news to report about five additional weeks of isolation. That's five more weeks of reduced or interrupted pay-checks for employees, five more weeks of small business owners worried about their livelihoods.

But there is some good news. The new order that takes effect May 1 and lasts through May 30 asks Illinoisans to continue staying home and following social distancing protocols. It also gradually allows for the reopening of state parks, along with boating, fishing and golfing, and will permit certain businesses to crack open their doors.

At least 20 Chicago suburbs require face coverings in public – something most people in Illinois will have to do beginning May 1.

Gardening centers, pet groomers and health care centers performing elective procedures can begin to serve customers. Retailers that had been forced to close down – think dry cleaners,

jewelers, sporting good stores and furniture shops – will be allowed to take telephone orders and offer curbside pickup.

Still off the list for reopening: restaurants, bars and gyms, among many other establishments.

It's not a perfect outcome. The unknowns about the damage to the economy, to employment, to retirement savings, to business owners who won't be able to recover from a monthslong shutdown, loom large. There are no guarantees.

But the new stay-home order offers some relaxation of the rules – and of fear. The public isn't as concerned today as even two weeks ago, or a week before that, about becoming infected and being trapped with no intensive care beds or ventilators to help in recovery. Those fears have not – knock on wood – come to widespread fruition in Chicago and Illinois. While sickness has been pronounced at 36,934 cases statewide and 1,688 deaths attributed to COVID-19, alarming issues of overflowing emergency rooms and a lack of ventilators have not played out here.

That doesn't mean we let up. It's exactly why we do not. It's why five additional weeks of stay-home guidelines are necessary. Impatience is a preferable sentiment to fear. Recall one of the early assessments of how the fight against the coronavirus might conclude: The best outcome would be for us all to look back at March 2020 and debate whether Illinois overreacted, because it would mean the virus had been contained.

Beyond May 30, we can't say what will happen. We don't know. If stay-home orders continue, Pritzker and his team will face additional – warranted – pressure from the public to explain why and to relax the restrictions. The economy is a fragile thing too.

But for now, with projections indicating that a flattening of the curve of cases is taking place, the full-court press against COVID-19 is proving worth the hardships.

We can live with a May 30 target date. Can't we? For the health and safety of vulnerable populations, we can.

– This editorial was first published in the Chicago Tribune.

Some are set on injecting country with political toxins

Two scenes: Men with semiautomatic weapons strike a pose of protest in front of a state capitol building. A masked nurse in scrubs blocks a protester's car in Denver.

These two frames will be among the lasting images of the COVID-19 pandemic in America, reminding us of the juxtaposition of life and death that plagued our nation

in 2020. The protesters, who oppose government quarantine orders, want to return to "normal" life as it was before the virus came ashore – as though they're the only ones. The nurse, symbolizing the nation's brave, dedicated medical professionals, stands athwart civil disobedience – for the sake of survival.

For now, protesters enjoy the luxury of being disease-free – at least as far as they know. Estimates are that one in four of infected people are asymptomatic, thus some could be contagious without being sick. While they play revolutionary in the springtime air, nurses, doctors and medical staff spin the chamber in a game of Russian Roulette as they try to heal the sick and comfort the dying.

There's hardly a soul on the planet who doesn't wish for a return to regular duty – to go to work, earn a paycheck, dine out with friends, go to a movie, concert or sports event – though some may want to tweak normal somewhat to accommodate the revelations of sequestration. But we'll all return to work and play more quickly if everyone plays by the rules.

It's as simple as that, if not at all easy. To law-abiding citizens who may be just as frustrated and angry, the protesters are reckless in the extreme. What does this make President Trump, who is encouraging this defiance, in the transparent hope that governors will reopen their states' economies earlier, thus possibly increasing the likelihood of his reelection.

"They seem very responsible to me," said Trump of the demonstrators around the country waving guns and flags, in protest, it must be said, of his own government's guidelines. "LIBERATE MICHIGAN," he tweeted to his comrades in arms.

I suppose that protesting government orders has a certain allure. Rescuing America from government overreach, depending upon one's perspective, provides a mission and purpose lost to the disease that, in some states, seems less a threat to life than to livelihood. Job-loss reserves are dwindling quickly. In West Palm Beach, cars filled an outlet mall parking lot with people hoping to be among the 800 who would receive a week's worth of groceries. Tuesday's lead headline everywhere was historic: Oil dropped below \$0.

The protesters, in other words, have a point. But it's not close to strong enough to convince the nurse to step aside.

We know, too, that the mobs gathering in states such as Michigan, Colorado, South Carolina and Virginia didn't arise organically but were organized by a variety of right-wing groups and the usual array of anger specialists, otherwise known as the Trump base. These include small-government groups, gun-rights activists and anti-science, anti-vaccine advocates.

Meanwhile, doctors and nurses soldier on, despite a deplorable lack of personal protection equipment, or PPE. An online survey created by a grassroots group of doctors found that almost all of the 978 facilities responding from 47 states and the District had no supplies remaining of at least one form of PPE. Thirty-six percent had no face shields; 34 percent had no thermometers; 19 percent had no gowns left.

Whatever one's situation, and recognizing the disparate impact of the pandemic, it is both unseemly and unfair to the sick and grieving, as well as to the healers, to display petulance over rules intended to keep people safe.

Somehow, we have to hang together – but I hope not for much longer. The tunnel of doom is beginning to brighten, as we await more testing and lower rates of death and infection. Meanwhile, it's disappointing and, frankly, dangerous that Trump encourages what is essentially political wilding, and primarily in his own interest. He's right to fear that a foundering economy will be the death knell for his presidency. But what about the nation's soul?

We came close, didn't we? For a moment, it felt like we were all on the same team, all striving together toward kindness and safety. Now, like virus particles attaching to host cells, some are set on injecting the country with political toxins. Who wins, as Trump would want to know? Where do you stand?

Two scenes: Anti-science and gun-rights protesters recycle Patrick Henry's liberty-or-death cri du coeur, without a hint of irony. A nurse steels his gaze and stands his ground against a horn-honking mob.

Thus far, 9,300 U.S. health workers have contracted COVID-19 and 27 have died in the line of duty. The least we can do is try to stay well.

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COVID-19 response may be the most consequential decision in state history

We now enter a fifth week with shelter-in-place orders. As the governor contemplates easing some restrictions, it would be useful to know whether or not these rules saved lives, and how much they altered our economy. Unfortunately, we must wait months, if not years, for a clear answer. Those pondering such weighty matters don't have the luxury of time. Like all of us, they must make decisions based on the best information available at the time. That is how we should judge those decisions.

Michael Hicks



This column will assess Governor Holcomb's shelter in place decisions based on what he and his staff could reasonably have understood about the Coronavirus one month or so ago. I won't argue the unknowable facts about the disease or the economy. I will ask whether this decision was warranted when made, and how wise it appears after a month of new information.

Early stage transmission of diseases relies on pretty basic math, and research can be guided by many good studies of earlier pandemics. A month ago, this math offered frightening mortality rates for Indiana if the disease were to go unchecked. Using early data on Indiana's known deaths, an exponential model would've estimated deaths rising to perhaps 3,000 within weeks. This estimate is right about in the middle range predict-

ed by most epidemiologists. Worst case scenarios offered predictions of deaths that were tenfold higher. To place this in context, Indiana lost just over 1,500 men in the Vietnam war.

That stunning number is what every American governor heard six weeks ago. They also heard from epidemiologists that non-pharmacological interventions, like social distancing and shelter-in-place, could reduce deaths. That is why Governor Holcomb, along with most U.S. governors, ordered significant restrictions, including shelter-in-place orders.

One way to judge these decisions is to update the death projections from actual death data. After full 30 days of restrictions deaths rose in to the low 100s, far short of the predicted 3,000 deaths. It is now abundantly clear that the curve flattened to the lower level of deaths. However, even with the lower death rate, a model of exponential increase in deaths suggests that without a 'flattening' of the exponential curve, we'd have seen thousands more die.

To be certain, it is possible the restrictions were too tough or too loose. With 50 states trying 50 different strategies, we'll learn plenty in the coming months and years. But, the real policy question is whether the benefit of these decisions outweighed the costs. We start by noting that after a full 30 days since our first COVID-19 death, the difference between the 'exponential' death curve, and the flattened 'polynomial' curve is more than 5,000 souls. That is, the shelter-in-place rules likely reduced short-run deaths by more than 5,000

people.

To weight the lives against the economic loss, we have to place a dollar value on human life. The Environmental Protection Agency uses a value of \$9.22 million per life as an average. That figure might be too high considering that many who die are older, with fewer expected years of life before them. If we use the best available data, which is the reported age distribution of New Yorkers who have succumbed to the disease, we get a lower value of life, at roughly \$4.5 million on average.

These range of estimates suggest that 'flattening' the curve in Indiana saved between \$22.5 billion and \$46 billion. These policies also imposed a cost on the economy, with lost jobs and commerce. However, much of the cost of this disease happened without any state government intervention. In two recent studies, my colleagues and I project deep economic losses from the COVID-19 disease. Some of these losses are due to supply chain disruptions in China, some from the negative stock market shock, and some from a reduction in labor supply due to school closings.

Our estimate of social distancing and shelter-in-place was a deep, short-term shock that reduced GDP in Indiana by roughly 12.8 percent in 2nd Quarter, or about 3.2 percent for the year. This is among the higher annualized estimates we have seen.

Our estimate of total economic damages from the shelter-in-place rules are roughly \$12 billion. This is far below the lower estimate of lives

saved of roughly \$22.5 billion. Thus, a conservative estimate is that the benefits of Indiana's shelter-in-place restrictions exceed the costs by \$10 billion to more than \$30 billion.

Doubtless many readers will find plenty to quibble with in my estimates. Perhaps my value of life estimates are too high, or my economic damage estimates too low. Some readers might be worried about the long-term erosion of civil rights, or are concerned that the pain is distributed unequally upon citizens. These are all reasonable matters to submit to the marketplace of ideas. Such a debate will be especially helpful to policymakers who are deciding how to wisely resume a more normal functioning economy.

Still, we should judge Governor Holcomb's decisions on what he and his staff could reasonably have known in March and April as they made and extended the shelter-in-place orders. By that criterion, the shelter-in-place decisions will be judged by history as among the most appropriate and consequential in state history. It may well rank first.

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Daughter planning her family wants to keep parents close

DEAR ABBY: I love my parents. They are thoughtful, intelligent people who supported (even encouraged) me to attend a good school on the East Coast. I now live with my boyfriend in Connecticut, where my job is located. He's 23; I am 22. We would like to start a family within the next five years, but I worry that our children will never see their grandparents on my side.

Dear Abby



I grew up with both sets of grandparents nearby. They contributed so much to my personhood and up-bringing that being without them would likely have been a detriment. The idea of my parents being strangers to my kids makes me sad and anxious.

I feel so guilty already that I want to be proactive in this. Barring the slim possibility of them moving here from Chicago, how can I help them be active grandparents when the time comes? How can I help my kids love and appreciate my parents as much as I loved my own grandma and grandpa, despite the distance? — Longing In Connecticut

DEAR LONGING: You may be getting ahead of yourself. Slow down. Take things one step at a time. Get married and start planning your family.

Many geographically separated families stay in contact by using video chat, but it's a poor substitute for actual human contact and shared interests. Because this bothers you to the degree that it does, discuss it with your parents. Not knowing the state of their finances or the degree of their freedom to travel, it's hard to guess how involved they may be with your children. However, if you, your boyfriend and they put your heads together, I'm sure you can arrive at a solution.

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with "Skip" for a very long time. Our lives have taken us on very different paths. We have always disagreed about certain philosophical issues, but now the divide in our opinions is huge.

Skip makes statements and posts items on social media that, in my opinion, are outrageous. Some of them appear to be merely contrarian. Several other friends have commented about his posts.

I am concerned about Skip because of the extreme nature of his posts, and I think some friends are concerned, too. Skip and I live far away from each other. His family doesn't live near him, so contacting them probably won't help. I am concerned that what I am seeing is beyond a difference of opinion, but I don't know what, if anything, to do about it. Do you have any suggestions? — Just Politics?

DEAR J.P.: If you are concerned about Skip's mental health, then regardless of his family's lack of geographic proximity, they should be told you are worried about him and why. If you are afraid he might engage in activity in which he could pose a danger to himself or others, notify the authorities. However, if this is simply a matter of being at opposite ends of the political spectrum, it may be time to snooze Skip's posts or block him entirely.

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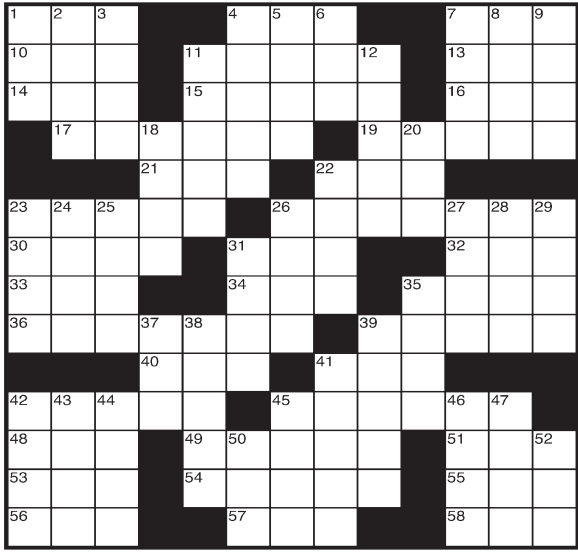
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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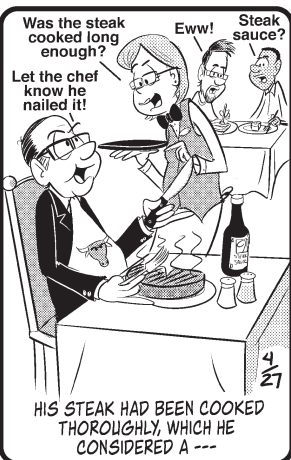
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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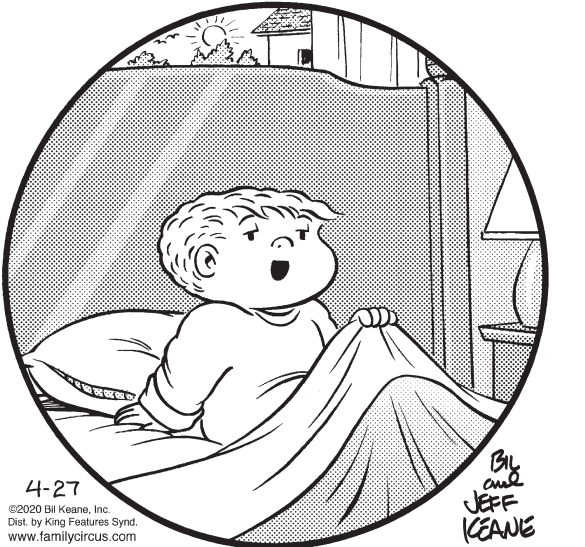


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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By Bil Keane

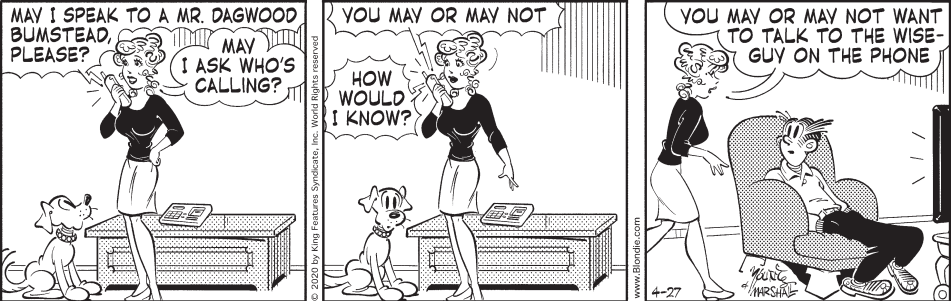


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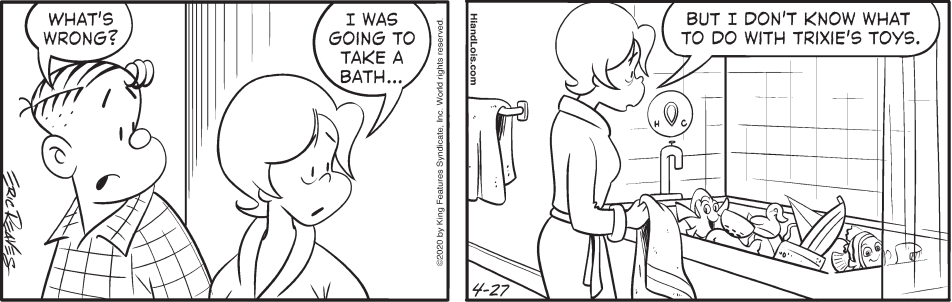
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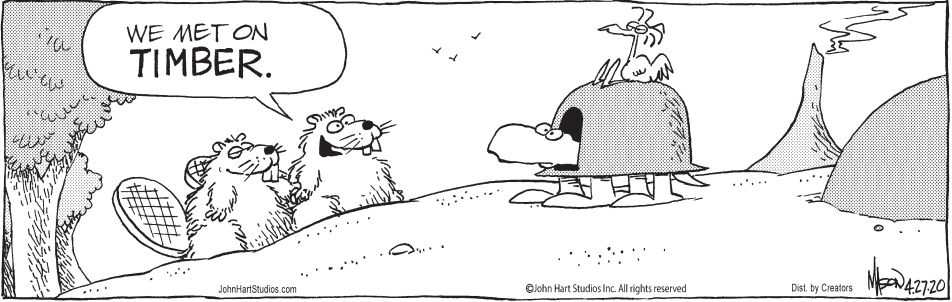
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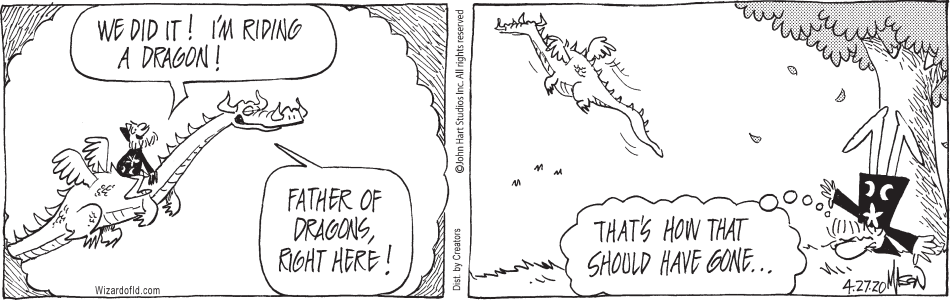
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Jesus gave Himself as ransom for us

Q: Since Jesus was the son of David, the king of Israel, why did Jesus not emphasize His kingship? — K.J.

A: The kingship of Christ was not of this world. He came down from glory and walked among mankind as a man who could sympathize with our greatest need — for eternal salvation. Earthly kings have come and gone, but Christ remains the coming King of glory.

But all through His life, Jesus spoke with kingly authority. He spoke often of His coming kingdom. His conduct was regal, and His ethics were righteous.

From the beginning the potentates of political, social and ecclesiastical life were distrustful of Him. His high ethical teachings, His irreproachable moral character, and His regal lineage constantly

jeopardized the security of the thrones of hypocrites.

Herod feared Jesus. Pilate was suspicious of Him. But Christ had not come to set up an earthly kingdom. He had come to be the King of redemption. His kingdom was to be spiritual. He was to reign in the hearts of men and women.

Christ also died like a king. By virtue of His kingly office, He was the only One in Heaven qualified to redeem a lost world. Had Jesus Christ been less than He was, He could not have made atonement for our sins. Jesus gave Himself as ransom for us.

What greater service could the King possibly render His subjects than to exonerate them from all guilt and to make them joint heirs with Him in His kingdom? The King laid down His life and paid the terrible debt of sinners.

There is no greater position for man to have than to be a child of the King, a joint heir with Christ, and a member of the Royal Family of Heaven. "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen" (1 Timothy 1:17).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "Dear future generations: Please accept our apologies. We were rolling drunk on petroleum." — Kurt Vonnegut

TODAY'S CLUE: W sjenb n

Wife laughs off man’s pleas to end their long marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem I can’t fix. I have been married for 54 years. For the last 20 we have slept in different bedrooms. I get no affection from my wife, and everything has to be her way. We no longer have anything in common except our children and grandchildren who, for the most part, come to me only when they need something.

Dear Abby



Over the years, we have drifted apart, and there is no longer anything we enjoy doing together. I have told her many times that for my mental health we should part ways. She laughs and shrugs it off. Basically, to her I am a paycheck.

She thinks we don’t have a problem. Her parents lived pretty much the same way. I need someone who will sit with me when we go out to dinner, hold hands in public, have a couple of similar interests, share the same bed, etc.

I have met a woman online who seems to care and who wants to be with me. I haven’t followed through, but every time I’m verbally abused, it’s pushing me more and more toward her. Help. — Unhappy In Pennsylvania

DEAR UNHAPPY: Tell your wife you are making an appointment with a licensed marriage and family therapist to discuss your marital situation. It may be the wakeup call she needs to get her to quit laughing and pay attention to the fact that you are seriously unhappy. Ask her to go with you, but if she refuses, follow through and go without her. It may help you emotionally as you disengage from this marriage.

If you do end the marriage, recognize there will have to be a fair distribution of any assets that accumulated and be prepared to discuss your options with more than one lawyer. A word of caution, however: Do NOT immediately rush into a romantic relationship with someone you know only through the internet. It is crucial that you take the necessary time to detoxify and regain your balance after you exit this marriage.

DEAR ABBY: My mom passed away a year and a few months ago. My parents were married for 38 years.

Dad started a whirlwind romance with a lady about nine months after Mom’s death. Their relationship lasted three months, and they were supposed to get married. She blindsided him by breaking the engagement a month before the wedding. The breakup was because she still has feelings for an ex-husband and had nothing to do with my dad.

He keeps talking to her “as a friend,” but he is miserable because he’s in love with her. Ever since the breakup, she gets nasty and criticizes him about small things. She is not even a good friend.

I want my father to be happy and find someone who will love him. But he continues to call and text this woman, even though it makes him sink deeper into depression every day. He keeps thinking she’ll take him back, but I don’t see it happening. How can I convince Daddy to cut off all contact with her? — What’s Best For Dad In Georgia

DEAR WHAT’S BEST: I’m not sure you are the person to do that. It might be better to enlist the aid of a male relative or close friend — someone who knows what has been going on. Your father might be more receptive to that message if he hears it from a contemporary. If not, he may have to learn his lesson the hard way.

DEAR READERS: For those of you having trouble coping with stress and anxiety during this challenging time, Jack Drescher, M.D., respected psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and member of the American Psychoanalytic Association, contacted me offering a resource for emotional health matters related to the coronavirus crisis. For more information, go to psychology today.com/us/blog/psychoanalysis-unplugged-0. — Love, Abby

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Intimidate
- 4 Not hard
- 8 Slow trot
- 11 Stout
- 12 Anecdotal knowledge
- 13 Tennis ace — Lendl
- 15 Jellyfish abode
- 16 Like
- 17 Hay storage unit
- 18 Subway fare, once
- 20 Simple dessert (hyph.)
- 21 Potato st.
- 23 Offer
- 24 Pork selection
- 27 Unhearing
- 29 Engage in rivalry
- 32 Woodwind
- 33 Kiosk buy, slangily
- 34 Kind of poem
- 35 Found a perch
- 36 Ill temper
- 37 Little creek
- 38 Field

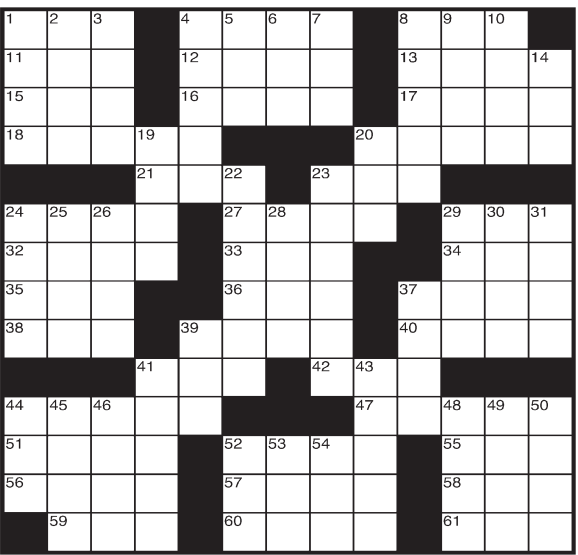
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- 40 Bad day for Caesar
- 41 Big sizes
- 42 Attack word
- 44 Sleeper’s sound
- 47 Defeated one
- 51 Catamount
- 52 Obi-Wan, for one
- 55 Yes, in Kyoto
- 56 An apple — —
- 57 Baja water
- 58 Batting stat
- 59 Hesitations
- 60 Disposition
- 61 — Moines

DOWN

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- 2 Butter substitute
- 3 Not strong
- 4 Veld grazer
- 5 Fine, to NASA (hyph.)
- 6 Delhi honorific
- 7 Craving
- 8 Matched

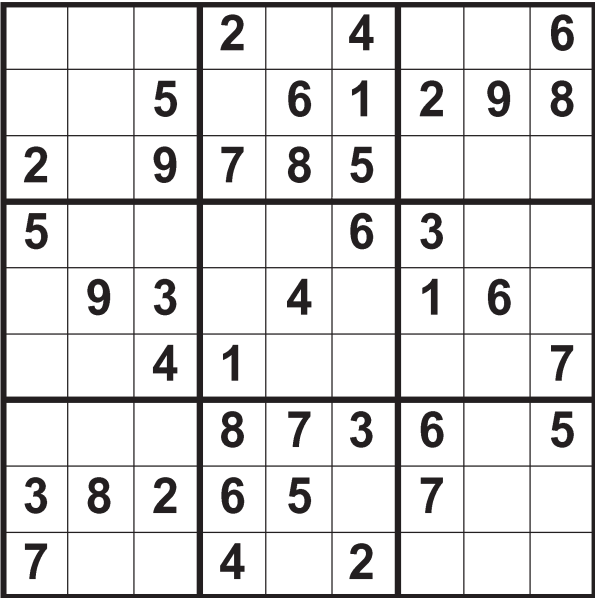
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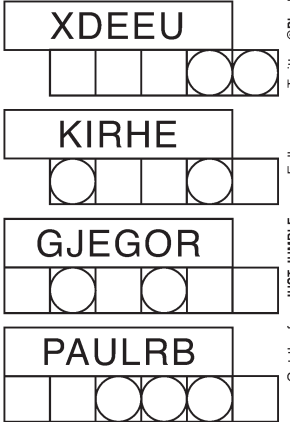
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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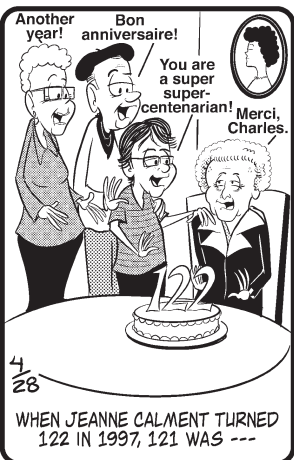
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Yesterday's Jumbles: BURRO NUDGE WILLOW JINGLE

Answer: His steak had been cooked thoroughly, which he considered a — JOB WELL DONE

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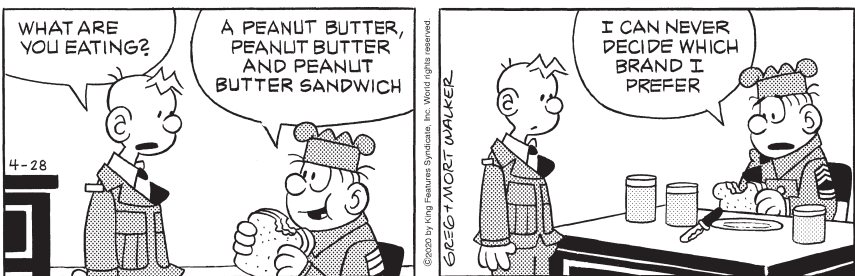
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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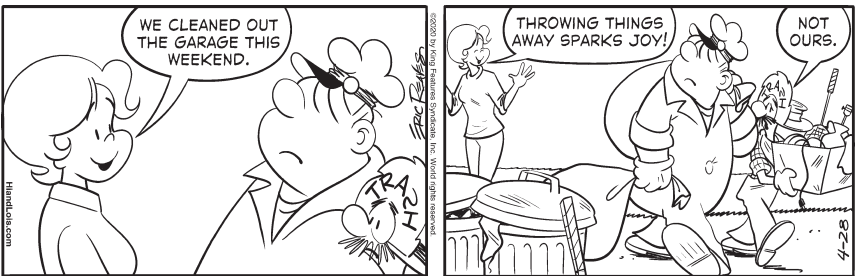
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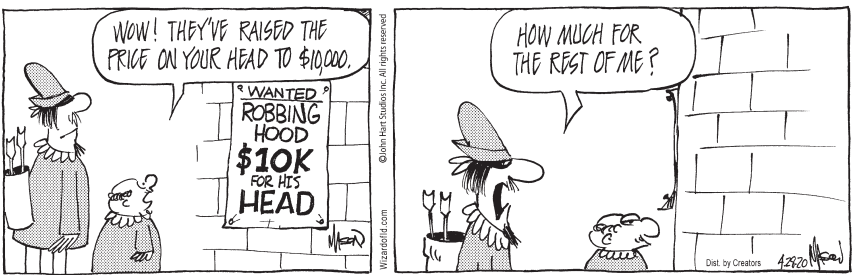
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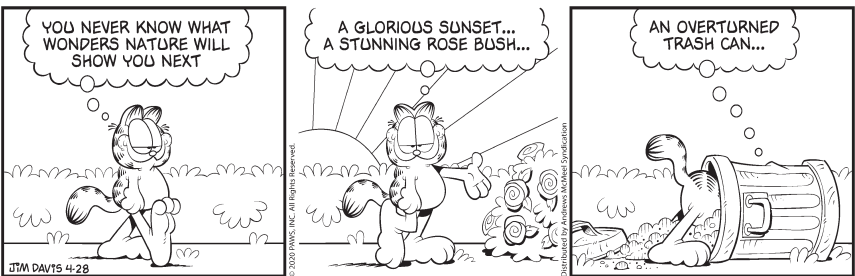
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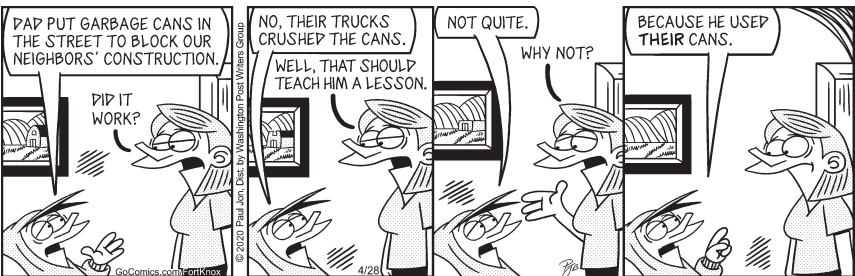
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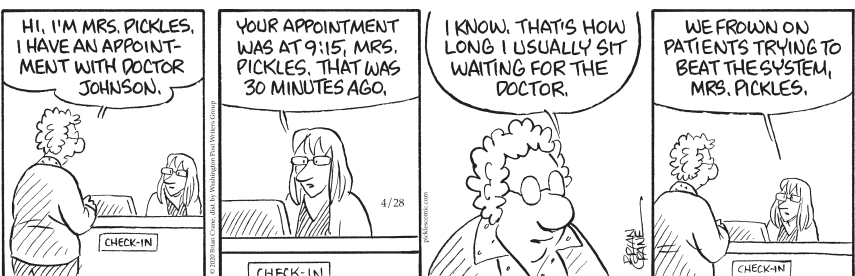
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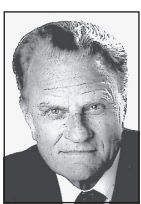
PICKLES



Always have hope that God is greater than the situations we face

Q: As I watch the news here in our country and around the world, I have little hope that things will improve. But what troubles me most is that it is difficult to encourage my adult children with small children that things will get better. When I try to do that, I feel I am being dishonest with them. Isn't this true in today's world? — H.M.

Billy Graham My Answer



A: On a purely human level there is little hope in the world. Immorality and lawlessness increase daily. Wrong seems to be winning and right seems to be losing the battle for the minds and hearts of people. Many have put faith in the stock market, technology, entertainment, pleasures and thrills. Many do all they can

to bypass God. We are in trouble because we have left God out and we are reaping the tragic results.

The key to this hope is in placing our faith in the God of hope. Because He saves us out of the oppression of sin, we do not have to grieve like others who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). A famous cardiologist once remarked that “hope is the medicine I use more than any other.” The Bible says tells us the source of hope: “Those who wait on

the Lord shall renew their strength... they shall run and not be weary” (Isaiah 40:31).

Always have hope [assurance] that God is greater than the situations we face. Sometimes it's hard to find that which is positive and hopeful, but there is always something to be thankful for. Christ wants to give us hope for the future by walking according to His word daily. Encourage others to look forward and upwards to Christ.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: “I can't stand when people use drugs as an escape ... deal with your issues, you'll feel so much better.” — Alyson Hannigan

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Indiana procures 2.9M PPE items from 18 Hoosier manufacturers

State doubles orders, donations with totals topping 6.3 million

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb Friday announced that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has secured commitments for more than 6.3 million pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) – up from 2.6 million last reported on April 13 – for hospitals, first responders, long-term care facilities and health care providers treating COVID-19 patients, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

To date, more than 1.17 million items have been delivered to

the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) for distribution.

Of these, more than 2.9 million items, including face masks, face shields, gloves, gowns, goggles and bottles of hand sanitizer, are being made and sourced by 18 Indiana manufacturers.

New commitments from Indiana providers include:

- After Action Medical and Dental Supply (Marion County), which was started in 2010 by a service-disabled veteran, distributes products nationally to health care providers, the Veterans Affairs Medical System and U.S. Department of Defense. The company is leveraging its supply chain to provide more than 400,000 nitrile gloves.
- Cardinal Spirits (Monroe County), which first opened in

2015, is a craft distillery in Bloomington that distributes spirits to more than 200 retail locations in Indiana. The company has paused beverage operations, leveraging its distillery to produce hand sanitizer. It has distributed 50,000 gallons since mid-March.

- Sugar Creek Bottling Company (Marion County), which is a full service, hand-crafted e-liquid manufacturing company specializing in private labeling and flavor development. The company has shifted production to provide hand sanitizer.
- Hentz Manufacturing (Allen County), a commercial sewing business that pivoted from Cinda B bag production to medical supplies, has already produced and distributed 90,000 pieces of PPE, including isolation gowns, face

masks and face shields, in just a few weeks. The company is now producing N95 face mask respirators, filling a critical need for these items that effectively filter out a minimum of 95 percent of airborne particles. The company, which coordinated with Indiana University Health to ensure proper fit and filtration, delivered the first batch of N95 masks Friday and plans to produce 1 million in total. The company is currently hiring for sewers and supervisors to support its efforts to meet increased needs for PPE.

Indiana businesses and organizations continue to donate critical services and supplies as well, with PPE donations now totaling 530,694 – up from 440,000. New contributors include Berry Global, Brooks Life Sciences, Duke

Energy, Faegre Drinker Shanghai Office, Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Ivy Tech, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, Rose Apartments and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.

In total, the state has secured more than 2.4 million surgical masks, 1.2 million respirator masks, 963,000 face shields, 720,000 gloves, 143,000 gowns, 10,000 goggles and 206,000 two-ounce bottles and 80,000 gallons of hand sanitizer through purchases and donations.

“Hoosiers with smaller quantities of PPE are encouraged to donate items to the nearest local health department, hospital, EMS agency, nursing home or other first responder or public safety agency in their community,” stated Hoffmeyer.

Stop! Don’t get a dog due to coronavirus unless you’ve counted the cost

You’re home now – all the time – or stuck indoors with children. Everyone is tired of watching TV and TikTok videos all day.

So, you think, now’s the time to get a dog or cat. Maybe even rescue a pet from a shelter. Perhaps a four-legged friend could relieve the stress of dealing with coronavirus.

Stop. Think carefully about this decision and how it will impact your budget once life returns to normal – and it will one day. Don’t let this be an emotional purchase – an impulse adoption. Do the math first. Ask yourself: Can I afford a pet?

Recently, Google Trends tweeted, “We have never been so interested in pets: Search interest in both Dog and Cat reached an all-time high Worldwide (and dogs win).” Google also noted that the search term “foster a dog near me” reached an all-time high in the United States.

Many families may be considering getting a dog or cat to help with the boredom, or as motivation to get out of the house for daily walks.

However, they may not be factoring in the financial responsibility: food, grooming, veterinary costs, pet insurance, boarding during vacations (whenever we get to take them again), and all the pet toys you’ll want to buy.

As a country, we spent a record-breaking \$95.7 billion in 2019 on pet services and products, according to the American Pet Products Association. Vet care and prod-

Michelle Singletary



ucts added up to \$29.3 billion. Pet food and treats cost \$36.9 billion.

I’m well aware of the perils of getting a pet under duress. Following the death of my father-in-law, who had been living with us, I gave into my children’s plea for a dog. I had been the holdout because I worried I would be left with the heavy lifting of poop pick-up and all the other responsibilities that come with owning a dog. I wasn’t sure I wanted to add that expense to our budget. But my grief overcame my misgivings.

Sure enough, the expenses started to accumulate. At one point, Simba, our 11-pound terrier mix, became sluggish and wouldn’t eat. My husband jokingly said, “He just needs to eat some grass.” It turns out Simba had a bowel blockage that cost more than \$400 to treat, not including the medication. He’s had an ear infection. There are regular grooming expenses. One summer, we got an infestation of fleas, even though I was meticulous about washing Simba’s bedding. We had to call in a pest control company.

Pet ownership can be a wonderful experience, especially if you’re rescuing an animal. But I would hate for people to buy or adopt a pet only to find out later they can’t afford to keep it.

Or what if you realize, once our collective coronavirus pause is over, that you don’t have enough time to spend with your dog? You’re home all day now, so you can play fetch for hours. But once you resume the all-consuming schedule you had before the COVID-19 pandemic, will Pepper or Rusty end up tearing up your home for lack of activity?

It’s essential to take into account how much of your budget will go toward caring for your pet. Don’t underestimate the annual expenses. Here are three questions I ask potential pet owners.

- Do you have an emergency fund? If you can’t afford to have a cash cushion for yourself – at least a month or two – why would you add another financial responsibility to your budget? What would you do if your pet became seriously ill, and you faced a huge vet bill? You need a personal rainy-day fund, and another one for your pet, or at least pet insurance.
- If you have children, are you saving for their college education? Sure, annual expenses for a dog or cat are considerably less than college tuition. But every dollar you save for college is one less dollar you or your child will have to borrow. Your dog won’t pay your bills in your old age. Your debt-free child might.
- Are you saving enough for retirement? You have to make this a priority. You may argue that you can’t put a price on the joy of pet ownership. I would counter-argue that the luxury and privilege of pet ownership should come after you’ve made sure your finances are in order.

You certainly can get away with spending less on your pet, but proper care and feeding add up. Don’t let the stress of being shut in now lead to a financial decision that you can’t afford later.

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Stimulus payments going to dead people, even as the needy wait in limbo

By MICHELLE SINGLETARY

With more than 22 million people out of work and others barely earning a living, the promise of a \$1,200 stimulus payment is a lifeline that could buy a few weeks of financial relief.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law March 27, made cash rebates – technically, an advance on a 2020 tax credit – available to 150 million Americans.

Individuals making \$75,000 or less and couples earning up to twice that are eligible to receive \$1,200. There’s an extra \$500 for each dependent child under 17.

In an effort to rush payments to people, the Treasury Department authorized the IRS to send the first wave of credits to people who had filed a tax return in either 2018 or 2019 and who had received refunds. The agency already had bank account information to deliver those payments electronically. On April 15, Treasury said more than 80 million Americans had received economic impact payments.

But those payments created a divide between those who got money and those who didn’t, sowing frustration, confusion and anger.

Thousands of people have contacted The Washington Post wondering why they haven’t received their money. Many awaiting help are low-income veterans and Social Security recipients.

“I’m a disabled Gulf War veteran,” said Dwayne Ford from Kansas City, Missouri. “Low income and disabled folks, those are the

folks that you should’ve paid first or paid us all simultaneously.”

A Maryland woman emailed, “When will Social Security retirees see their payments in their bank accounts?”

A California reader posed the same question, noting, “I am a Social Security recipient, living below the poverty line.”

It’s taken time for Treasury to figure out how to work with other agencies to automatically send payments to people receiving certain federal benefits.

While the living wait for much-needed funds, the IRS has rushed out stimulus checks to the deceased. Payments have gone out to surviving spouses and to bank accounts that relatives kept open to settle a dead loved one’s estate.

The IRS is working off tax returns filed as far back as 2018, even if the filer is no longer alive. Toni Kamins, who lives in New York, received two \$1,200 payments, one for herself and another for her ex-husband, who died last year. Having left no will, and with no heirs, Kamins handled filing his 2019 return. On the return, she told the IRS that her ex had died.

Dennis Akers’ 88-year-old mother-in-law died in January. His 96-year-old mother died a month later. Akers held a joint checking account with each of them because he helped take care of their bills. Both deceased women received direct-deposit stimulus payments. Akers said he had informed Social Security when both women died.

Now, Akers says he’s going to just let the money sit until he

receives direction from the IRS. I would do the same.

“I don’t know what’s right or wrong,” he said.

In cases where stimulus funds reach a surviving spouse, an IRS spokesman said the payments may not have to be returned, depending on the circumstances.

“We are aware of all the various issues involving surviving spouses and other heirs and are still working on them,” said IRS spokesman Eric Smith.

If the IRS is basing a stimulus payment on a joint return filed by a spouse whose partner has died, then the surviving spouse should be allowed to keep the money, according to Erin Voisin, a California-based certified financial planner. “The year in which someone passes, a spouse can still file as married filing jointly,” she said.

The rollout of the \$1,200 payments has been riddled with glitches. People have complained that they received the wrong amount, that the money was sent to their tax preparer, or that they had trouble accessing an IRS online portal. “Get My Payments,” which was supposed to help folks track their payment and input direct-deposit information to speed its arrival.

After some uncertainty, the IRS and Treasury announced that people who reap a wide range of government benefits should receive their \$1,200 automatically by direct deposit, Direct Express debit card or check, just as they would typically receive their benefits.

COVID-19-related business resources available

STAFF REPORT

ISBDC offering virtual business consulting sessions

Grow Wabash County will continue to partner with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) to offer free, virtual confidential business consulting. Business advisors Wes Shie and Billie Wunderlich, are here to be that resource for Wabash County businesses. Appointments with Shie and/or Wunderlich may be scheduled through their emails. Shie may be reached at wshie@isbdc.org and Wunderlich may be reached at wunderlich@isbdc.org. You may also make arrangements by calling 260-481-0500. After the quarantine has lifted in Indiana, Shie and Wunderlich will host in-person appointments every third Thursday of the month at the Grow Wabash County office, 214 S. Wabash St. Learn more about these free business consultations and other entrepreneurship supports offered through Grow Wabash County at growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship. For more information, visit <https://isbdc.org/services/>.

T-shirts to benefit small businesses, individuals

Individuals will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive T-shirt online and 100 percent of the proceeds will be used to help struggling small businesses and individuals in Wabash County. Visit Wabash County has partnered with a local company, Spirit Wear, to offer a unisex T-shirt in sizes Small to 4XL to promote the slogan “Better Together.” Four colors will be offered: vintage black, rust, deep teal and fuchsia. The tees are just \$20 each, including tax and shipping. To purchase a “Better Together” Wabash County T-shirt, please visit www.visitwabashcounty.com or visit the Visit Wabash County Facebook page. The T-shirts will be shipped directly to the provided address.

Hotline open for businesses, industries with COVID-19 questions

The Critical Industries Hotline will be reachable by calling 877-820-0890 or by emailing covidresponse@iedc.in.gov.

Grow Wabash County launches COVID-19 business impact survey

Grow Wabash County created

a survey in partnership with several local organizations to collect information to gauge the local impact to all of our business community. The survey may be found by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/vsvmv4b>.

Wabash Marketplace announces Business Interruption Loan

Members of Wabash Marketplace man apply for the Business Interruption Loan. There are no application fees and the loan offers up to \$5,000 for a maximum term of 24 months. Those interested in the loan program are encouraged to review the loan details on the homepage of www.wabashmarketplace.org. The next step is to email info@WabashMarketplace.org or leave a message at 260-563-0975.

SBA offers small businesses financial assistance

Small businesses are eligible for financial assistance under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Indiana. To apply for loans, visit SBA.gov/Disaster Contact 800-659-2955 or disaster customerservice@sba.gov with questions. The deadline to apply is Dec. 18.

Grow Wabash County ready to help businesses, nonprofits

Businesses and nonprofits with questions may email info@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/.

Businesses may register for ‘Curb-Side Pick Up’ for free

Businesses may register for “Curb-Side Pick Up” for free. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org. For more information, email andrea@wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Wabash Marketplace donations of \$250-plus to go to others in need

Any donations of \$250 or more will be applied towards 2020 membership dues for nonprofits and small businesses in need. For more information, visit <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/online-payments.html>.

Do Just One Thing

If your refrigerator isn’t as cold inside as it used to be, there’s no need to immediately order a brand-new one. First, check to make sure the thermostat hasn’t been accidentally turned up; often, they get bumped and need a simple readjustment. Then clean the

condenser coils at the bottom of the fridge, which can get clogged with dirt, dust and other debris. Finally, is your fridge overpacked? If the back is full of stacked food, you might have a blocked vent. Just spread the items around until the fridge is cool again.